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**U.S. District Court  
Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville)  
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Sea Star Line, LLC v. Emerald Equipment  
Assigned to: Judge Unassigned Judge  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Howard T. Snyder  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 28:1333 Admiralty

Date Filed: 03/01/2004  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 120 Contract: Marine  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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*a limited liability company*

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*a corporation*

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**Counter Claimant**

**Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.**  
*a corporation*

V.

**Counter Defendant**

**Sea Star Line, LLC**  
*a limited liability company*

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/01/2004	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed Filing fee \$ 150.00 Receipt # J014676 (jec) (Entered: 03/01/2004)
03/01/2004		MAGISTRATE JUDGE CASE ASSIGNMENT Magistrate assigned: Howard T. Snyder (jec) (Entered: 03/01/2004)
03/01/2004		SUMMONS(ES) issued for Emerald Equipment . Consent(s) issued. (jec) (Entered: 03/01/2004)
03/01/2004		FEES paid in the amount of \$ 150.00 Receipt # J014676 Balance due \$ (mfk) (Entered: 03/01/2004)
03/04/2004	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of designation under Local Rule 3.05 - TRACK 2. (ctc) (mfk) (Entered: 03/04/2004)
04/05/2004	<u>3</u>	RETURN of service executed as to Emerald Equipment on 3/19/04, through the Florida Secretary of State (mfk) (Entered: 04/06/2004)
04/05/2004	<u>4</u>	AFFIDAVIT of compliance pursuant to Fla. Stat. Ann. 48.161, 48:181 of Timothy J. Armstrong by Sea Star Line, LLC Re: [3-1] executed service (mfk) (Entered: 04/06/2004)
04/14/2004	<u>5</u>	UNOPPOSED MOTION with memorandum of law by Emerald Equipment to extend time to answer or otherwise plead referred to Magistrate Judge Howard T. Snyder (mfk) (Entered: 04/14/2004)
04/15/2004	<u>6</u>	ORDER granting [5-1] consent motion to extend time to answer or otherwise plead reset answer due for 4/28/04 for Emerald Equipment ( Signed by Magistrate Judge Howard T. Snyder ) ctc (mfk) (Entered: 04/15/2004)
04/16/2004	<u>7</u>	AMENDED MOTION with memorandum of law amending [5-1] motion to extend time to answer or otherwise plead (amended unopposed) by Emerald Equipment referred to Magistrate Judge Howard T. Snyder (mfk) (Entered: 04/16/2004)
04/19/2004	<u>8</u>	ORDER denying as moot [7-1] amended motion to extend time to answer or otherwise plead. ( Signed by Magistrate Judge Howard T. Snyder ) ctc (mfk) (Entered: 04/19/2004)

04/28/2004	<u>9</u>	MOTION with memorandum in support by Emerald Equipment to dismiss complaint for declaratory judgment and for damages , or alternatively to transfer venue , or abstain (jec) (Entered: 04/28/2004)
05/13/2004	<u>10</u>	MEMORANDUM by Sea Star Line, LLC in opposition to [9-1] motion to dismiss complaint for declaratory judgment and for damages, [9-2] motion to transfer venue, [9-3] motion or abstain (mfk) (Entered: 05/13/2004)
06/02/2004	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of filing order granting Defendant Sea Star Line, LLC'S Motion to dismiss, Stay or Abate Complaint of Plaintiff Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc., by Sea Star Line, LLC (mfk) (Entered: 06/02/2004)
06/07/2004	<u>12</u>	DISCLOSURE Statement by Sea Star Line, LLC (mfk) (Entered: 06/07/2004)
06/14/2004	<u>13</u>	CASE MANAGEMENT REPORT (mfk) (Entered: 06/14/2004)
06/16/2004	<u>14</u>	AMENDED NOTICE by Sea Star Line, LLC of filing order granting defendant Sea Star Line, LLC's motion to dismiss, stay or abate complaint of plaintiff Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc. (mfk) (Entered: 06/16/2004)
06/17/2004	<u>15</u>	CASE MANAGEMENT AND SCHEDULING ORDER setting expert witness disclosure deadline for 10/1/04; Discovery cutoff 11/1/04; dispositive motion filing deadline for 12/1/04; Pretrial conference for 11:45 on 4/29/05; a copy of the pretrial stipulation shall be provided directly to judge's chambers; Bench trial set for term commencing at 9:00 on 6/6/05; Scheduled for Judge Henry L. Adams Jr. (Signed by Judge Henry L. Adams Jr. ) etc (spw) (Entered: 06/17/2004)
06/21/2004	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of filing original signature pages by Sea Star Line, LLC (mfk) (Entered: 06/21/2004)
06/25/2004	<u>17</u>	REQUEST for oral argument by Emerald Equipment re: [9-1] motion to dismiss complaint for declaratory judgment and for damages (mfk) (Entered: 06/25/2004)
07/06/2004	<u>18</u>	DISCLOSURE STATEMENT by Emerald Equipment (mfk) (Entered: 07/07/2004)
07/12/2004	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of unavailability of counsel by Sea Star Line, LLC on 7/23/04 and 7/26/04, and from 08/11/04 to 08/16/04. (MFK) (Entered: 07/14/2004)
08/04/2004		Motions no longer referred: <u>9</u> Motion to dismiss, Motion to transfer case, Motion to abstain (SMS) (Entered: 08/04/2004)
09/30/2004	<u>20</u>	MOTION to modify Case Management And Scheduling Order And For Extension Of Deadlines by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 09/30/2004)
10/08/2004	<u>21</u>	MOTION for protective order <i>regarding noticed Rule 30(b)(6) Deposition of Defendant and all other Pending Depositions</i> by Emerald

		Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 10/08/2004)
10/12/2004	<u>22</u>	ORDER re 21 MOTION for protective order regarding noticed Rule 30 (b)(6) Deposition of Defendant and all other Pending Depositions staying depositions pending final resolution of the motion. Signed by Judge Howard T. Snyder on 10/12/2004. (TK) (Entered: 10/12/2004)
10/15/2004	<u>23</u>	RESPONSE to motion re 20 MOTION to modify Case Management And Scheduling Order And For Extension Of Deadlines filed by Sea Star Line, LLC. (Armstrong, Timothy) (Entered: 10/15/2004)
10/15/2004		COPIES mailed to Counsel: Joey E. Schlosberg re 22 Order (DTS, ) (Entered: 10/15/2004)
10/20/2004	<u>24</u>	RESPONSE to motion re 21 MOTION for protective order <i>regarding noticed Rule 30(b)(6) Deposition of Defendant and all other Pending Depositions in this Case Pending Disposition of Dismissal Motion</i> filed by Sea Star Line, LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Transcript)(Armstrong, Timothy) (Entered: 10/20/2004)
10/22/2004	<u>25</u>	ORDER granting 20 Motion for Modification of Case Management and Scheduling Order and for Extension of Deadlines. The Case Management and Scheduling Order <u>15</u> is modified as follows: The expert witness disclosure deadline is 1/1/05; discovery cut-off deadline is 2/1/05, and the dispositive motion filing deadline is 3/1/05. The granting of this motion shall not be the basis for a continuance of the trial in this matter. Signed by Judge Henry Lee Adams Jr. on 10/22/2004. (MO) (Entered: 10/22/2004)
10/22/2004		COPIES mailed to Counsel: Joey E. Schlosberg re <u>25</u> Order on motion to modify, (DTS, ) (Entered: 10/26/2004)
10/29/2004	<u>26</u>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>21</u> Motion for protective order. Signed by Judge Howard T. Snyder on 10/29/2004. (Snyder, Howard) (Entered: 10/29/2004)
11/02/2004		COPIES mailed to Counsel: Joey E. Schlosberg re 26 Order on motion for protective order (DTS, ) (Entered: 11/02/2004)
12/01/2004	<u>27</u>	MOTION for protective order <i>regarding deposition of third party witness</i> by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 12/01/2004)
12/01/2004	<u>28</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Howard T. Snyder : Telephone Hearing re: motion for protective order <u>27</u> held on 12/1/2004. (Court Reporter Winifred Beasley.) (CF) (Entered: 12/01/2004)
12/01/2004	<u>29</u>	ORDER denying <u>27</u> Motion for protective order. Signed by Judge Howard T. Snyder on 12/1/2004. (Snyder, Howard) (Entered: 12/01/2004)
12/01/2004		COPIES mailed to Counsel: Joey E. Schlosberg re <u>29</u> Order on motion for protective order (DTS) (Entered: 12/02/2004)



12/03/2004	<a href="#"><u>30</u></a>	NOTICE by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc. <i>to Court Pursuant to Local Rule 3.01(h)</i> (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 12/03/2004)
12/06/2004	<a href="#"><u>31</u></a>	RESPONSE re <a href="#"><u>30</u></a> Notice (Other) by Sea Star Line, LLC. (Armstrong, Timothy) (Entered: 12/06/2004)
12/22/2004	<a href="#"><u>32</u></a>	MOTION to appear pro hac vice by Michael L. Gore for Alan I. Moldoff, Gary M. Schildhorn and Mark Pfeiffer on behalf of Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Gore, Michael) Modified on 12/23/2004 (DTS). (Entered: 12/22/2004)
12/23/2004	<a href="#"><u>33</u></a>	ORDER granting <a href="#"><u>32</u></a> motion to appear pro hac vice and Alan I. Moldoff, Esquire, Gary M. Schildhorn, Esquire, and Mark Pfeiffer, Esquire, of the law firm of Adelman Lavine Gold and Levin, are permitted to appear pro hac vice on behalf of Defendant. Michael L. Gore, Esquire, of the law firm of Shutts & Bowen LLP, shall serve as local counsel.Signed by Judge Howard T. Snyder on 12/23/2004. (TK) (Entered: 12/23/2004)
12/27/2004		COPIES mailed to Counsel: Joey E. Schlosberg re [ <a href="#"><u>33</u></a> ] Order on motion to appear pro hac vice. (SEG ) (Entered: 12/27/2004)
12/27/2004	<a href="#"><u>34</u></a>	PRO HAC VICE FEES paid for Gary Schildhorn, Alan I. Moldoff and Mark Pfeiffer (Filing fee \$30.00 receipt number J017745.) (JMAP) (Entered: 12/28/2004)
12/29/2004	<a href="#"><u>35</u></a>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to Complete Discovery <i>and for Further Modification of Case Management and Scheduling Order</i> by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 12/29/2004)
01/03/2005		Motions no longer referred: <a href="#"><u>35</u></a> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to Complete Discovery <i>and for Further Modification of Case Management and Scheduling Order</i> (Per chambers) (SMS) (Entered: 01/03/2005)
01/26/2005	<a href="#"><u>36</u></a>	NOTICE by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc. <i>to the Court pursuant to Local Rule 3.01(h)(Second Notice)</i> (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 01/26/2005)
03/01/2005	<a href="#"><u>37</u></a>	MOTION for partial summary judgment by Sea Star Line, LLC. (Armstrong, Timothy) (Entered: 03/01/2005)
03/01/2005	<a href="#"><u>38</u></a>	MEMORANDUM in support re <a href="#"><u>37</u></a> Motion for partial summary judgment filed by Sea Star Line, LLC. (Armstrong, Timothy) (Entered: 03/01/2005)
03/02/2005	<a href="#"><u>39</u></a>	APPENDIX re <a href="#"><u>37</u></a> MOTION for partial summary judgment by Sea Star Line, LLC (filed separately). (DTS) (Entered: 03/04/2005)
03/09/2005	<a href="#"><u>40</u></a>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>to Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment</i> by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 03/09/2005)
03/09/2005		Motions no longer referred: <a href="#"><u>40</u></a> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>to Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary</i>

		<i>Judgment</i> (DTS) (Entered: 03/10/2005)
03/14/2005	41	ORDER granting 40 Motion for Extension of Time to File Response re 37 MOTION for partial summary judgment. Response due by 3/31/2005. Signed by Judge Henry Lee Adams Jr. on 3/14/2005. (MO) (Entered: 03/14/2005)
03/14/2005		COPIES mailed to Counsel: Joey E. Schlosberg re 41 Order on Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply (DTS) (Entered: 03/15/2005)
03/31/2005	42	MEMORANDUM in opposition re 37 Motion for partial summary judgment filed by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit # 2 Exhibit Bates Transcript ("A")# 3 Exhibit Rooks Transcript ("B")# 4 Exhibit Florence Transcript ("C"))(Gore, Michael) (Entered: 03/31/2005)
04/19/2005	43	Unopposed MOTION to continue / <i>Defer Final Pre-Trial Conference until further Order of Court</i> by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.. (Gore, Michael) (Entered: 04/19/2005)
04/20/2005	44	ORDER granting 43 Motion to defer final pre-trial conference until further Order of the Court. The pre-trial conference currently scheduled for 4/29/05 at 11:45 a.m. is canceled. Signed by Judge Henry Lee Adams Jr. on 4/20/2005. (MO) (Entered: 04/20/2005)
04/20/2005	45	ORDER granting in part 9 Motion to dismiss complaint for declaratory judgment and for damages, or alternatively to transfer venue, or abstain; This case is transferred to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware for potential referral to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, mootng 35 Motion for Extension of Time to Complete Discovery and 37 Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Henry Lee Adams Jr. on 4/20/2005. (MO) (Entered: 04/20/2005)
04/20/2005		COPIES mailed to Counsel: Joey E. Schlosberg re 44 Order on motion to continue, 45 Order on motion to dismiss, Order on motion to transfer case, Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, Order on Motion for Extension of Time to Complete Discovery, Order on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (DTS) (Entered: 04/21/2005)
04/21/2005	46	<i>Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.'s ANSWER to complaint , AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES and, COUNTERCLAIM</i> against Sea Star Line, LLC by Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc..(Gore, Michael) (Entered: 04/21/2005)